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FIRST NAMED APPLICANT ATTORNEY DOCKET NO MMC1/0820 ATTN STEPHEN W BUCKINGHAM OFFICE OF INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY COUNSEL 3M INNOVATIVE PROPERTIES COMPANY PAPER NUMBER P 0 BOX 33427 ST PAUL MN 55133-3427 08/20/01 DATE MAILED: This is a communication from the examiner in charge of this application. COMMISSIONER OF PATENTS AND TRADEMARKS . NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance and Issue Fee Due or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS. This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the The allowed claim(s) is/are ☐ The drawings filed on. are acceptable as formal drawings.

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☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review, PTO-948

Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for the Deposit of Biological Material

☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application, PTO-152

Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance

☐ Interview Summary, PTO-413

☐ Examiner's Amendment/Comment